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CITY OF RIVERSIDE TO HIRE 200 YOUTH FOR THE SUMMER THANKS TO RECOVERY ACT DOLLARS

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – The City of Riverside is proud to announce that it is the recipient of a \$604,473 grant from the Riverside County Economic Development Agency (EDA) and the Riverside County Workforce Development Board (WDB) that will provide training skills and work experience to its youth.

The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department, along with the Human Resources Department, will be placing approximately 200 youth, ages 14 through 24 in jobs this summer in various City departments. This is made possible by the unprecedented economic stimulus package, the “American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009” (ARRA), which provides the EDA with additional funding to implement the Summer Youth Employment Program. The City is being awarded the grant under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) which calls for the implementation of the Summer Work Experience Program (SWEP).

After meeting strict WIA eligibility guidelines, youth will be interviewed, assessed and fingerprinted. Successful candidates may work up to 20 hours per week and a maximum of 240 hours from June 1 through September 30, 2009, at a pay rate, determined by the grant, of \$8.00 per hour. For more information on WIA guidelines, please visit the City Jobs website at <http://cityjobs.riversideca.gov/hr/>.

In order to meet project goals, youth must finish the SWEP with work readiness skills gained by training and work experience combined. Youth will be asked to attend three (3) hours of weekly job development training to achieve these skills.

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